

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An insulating film measuring device for evaluating properties of an insulating film, the insulating film measuring device comprising:

an ion irradiating unit ~~configured to irradiate~~ irradiating the insulating film with ions;

5 a voltage applying unit ~~configured to apply~~ applying a negative voltage to the insulating film during ion irradiation; and

a spectrum measurement unit measuring a spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film during ion irradiation.

2. (Original) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 1,

wherein the spectrum measurement unit measures, over time, the spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film.

3. (Previously Presented) An insulating film evaluating device comprising:

the insulating film measuring device of Claim 2; and

a variation detection unit detecting, based on a secondary electron spectrum measurement result measured over time by the spectrum measurement unit, at least one of an amount of variation of a rise position of a peak due to kinetic emission of secondary electrons 5 and a rate of variation of the rise position.

4. (Previously Presented) An insulating film evaluating device comprising:

the insulating film measuring device of Claim 2; and

a variation detection unit detecting, based on a secondary electron spectrum measurement result measured over time by the spectrum measurement unit, variation in a peak appearing at a lower energy level than the peak due to kinetic emission of secondary electrons.

5. (Currently Amended) An insulating film measuring device for evaluating properties of an insulating film, the insulating film measuring device comprising:

an ion irradiation unit irradiating the insulating film with ions; and

5 a spectrum measurement unit ~~configured to measure~~ measuring a spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film after ion irradiation has stopped.

6. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 5,

wherein the spectrum measuring unit measures, over time, the spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film.

7. (Previously Presented) An insulating film evaluating device comprising:

the insulating film measuring device of Claim 5; and

5 an intensity detection unit detecting, based on a spectrum measured by the spectrum measurement unit, an intensity of a peak appearing at a lower energy level than a peak due to kinetic emission of secondary electrons.

8. (Previously Presented) An insulation film evaluating device comprising:

the insulating film measuring unit of Claim 6; and

a variation detection unit detecting variation in a peak appearing at a lower energy level than the peak due to kinetic emission of secondary electrons.

9. (Currently Amended) An insulating film measuring device for evaluating insulating film properties, the insulating film measuring device comprising:

an ion irradiation unit ~~econfigured to irradiate~~ irradiating the insulating film with ions; and

5 a spectrum measurement unit ~~econfigured to measure~~ measuring while a negative voltage is being applied to the insulating film, a spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film during ion irradiation and after the ion irradiation has stopped.

10. (Previously Presented) An insulation film evaluating device comprising:

the insulating film measuring device of Claim 9; and

a determining unit determining, after ion irradiation has stopped, based on the spectrum measured by the spectrum measurement unit, an energy difference between a first peak 5 due to kinetic emission of secondary electrons measured during ion irradiation and a second peak appearing at a lower energy level than the first peak.

11.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An insulating film measuring method used for evaluating properties of an insulating film, the insulating film measuring method comprising:

an ion irradiation step of irradiating the insulating film with ions; and

5 a spectrum measurement step of measuring, at least one of during and after the ion irradiation, a spectrum of secondary electrons emitted from the insulating film while a negative voltage is applied to the insulating film.

14. (Original) An insulating film evaluating method including a density of states measurement step of measuring, based on the spectrum measured in the insulating film measuring method of Claim 13, the electron density of states in valence bands of the insulating film.

15.-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 1 wherein the insulating film is mounted on a conductive substrate and further includes means for applying a negative voltage to the conductive substrate during the measurement of the spectrum of secondary electrons.

27. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 26 further including means for applying a vacuum to the insulating film during the measurement of the spectrum of secondary electrons.

28. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 27 wherein the insulating film is MgO.

29. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 27 further including a variation detection unit connected to the spectrum measurement unit to measure a conveyance time, T_1 and a shift amount ΔE , wherein conveyance time, T_1 , is a time period from starting an irradiation measurement to convergence of a rise position of a subsequent measurement and ΔE is the amount of energy, eV, during T_1 .

30. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 27 wherein the ion irradiating unit irradiates argon ions.

31. (Previously Presented) The insulating film measuring device of Claim 27 further including means for measuring a shape of low energy level secondary electron peaks in one of during ion irradiation and after ion irradiation wherein intensity, position and shape of the low energy level secondary electron peaks correlated with a capability of the insulating film to emit 5 secondary electrons.

32.-35. (Cancelled)